

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9, as follows:

Fig. 2a-b graphically illustrate the effect of ion implantation on magnetic coercivity in accordance with the present invention.

Please replace lines 11 and 12 on page 7, with the following new paragraph:

Fig. 3a-b graphically illustrate the effect of dose and energy of ion implantation in accordance with the present invention.